THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) *Enforcement of anti-video piracy laws* is the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government is in touch with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for intensifying implementation of these laws. For the present, the Government do not contemplate further amendments to the Copyright Act, 1957.

(b) The Indian Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT), of which National Film Development Corporation is one of the promoters, has been launched by the Film Industry in India. The areas of operation of this body include collaboration on collection of information on video piracy and its dissemination, providing law enforcement agencies with information and evidence of infringement of Copyright Act and educating public on the subject.

(c) Interim Order issued by the High Court of Gujarat in the case of Special Civil Application No. 5933 of 1988 challenging the notification issued by District Magistrate, Valsad declaring the exhibition of films through video and disc antenna as illegal, *inter alia* states that it would be open for the petitioner to exhibit certified cassettes only. The Department of Telecommunications is not issuing any licence for cables laid across a public road nor does it intend permittng it. Implications of the interim Order passed by the High Court of Gujarat are being studied.

(d) The proposal does not appear to be feasible. Besides, there is no consensus on the issue in the industry itself.

Harassment of Scheduled Castes employees of N.F.D.C.

2636. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: *Will the Minister of INFORMATION* AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of harassment of Scheduled Castes employees of National Film Development Corporation Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken against those senior officials of Group I who have used anti-caste language *scheduled castes* employees?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An employee of National Film Development Corporation belonging to the Scheduled Caste has complained about his alleged supersession in promotion and alleged victimization. He has filed a court case against National Film Development Corporation, Bombay, for redressal of his grievances. The matter is subjudice. Apparently at his behest a few organisations connected with SC/ST welfare have also complained about this case.

(c) No objectionable or anti-caste language has been used by officials of NFDC against the Scheduled Caste employees of the Corporation.

Devastating floods in Assam

2637. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses washed away during the last devastating floods in Assam; and

(b) the number of destroyed holding which have been restored up to 15th February, 1989 with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Vijayanagar Steel Plant in Karnataka

2638. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundation stone for Vijayanagar steel plant in Karnataka was laid by the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi; and